

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [207] with the following amended paragraph:

[207] The software application 1701 may additionally “pin” existing electronic ink data 1705, so as to prohibit its modification by the analysis process. For example, if a user manually specifies a layout or classification for a group of ink strokes, then the software application 1701 may designate that those ink strokes remain in that specific layout or with that classification regardless of the results produced by a parsing process. Referring to Fig. 11B, a user may designate that a group of strokes remain in the margin by pinning the node “Margin Comment”. Similarly, a user may specify a particular recognition result for a group of ink strokes, regardless of the results produced by a recognition process.

Please replace paragraph [208] with the following amended paragraph:

[208] Various types of pinning may be employed according to different implementations of the invention. For example, the ink analysis tool 1901 may allow the software application 1701 to “hard” pin ink. With this arrangement, no ink strokes can be added to any of the leaf nodes below the pinned node (thus assuming the node Margin Comment in Fig. 11B is pinned, no strokes can be added to the nodes for strokes 1-n), no strokes can be removed from any of the leaf nodes below the pinned node, no adding or removing of child nodes are permitted, and no re-parenting of any nodes below the pinned node are permitted. Alternately or additionally, the ink analysis tool 1901 may permit “hard” pinning with late strokes, which allows for late strokes to be added in under specified conditions, prohibits strokes from being removed from any of the leaf nodes below the pinned node, prohibits the addition or removal of child nodes, and prohibits re-parenting of any nodes below the pinned node. Still further, the ink analysis tool 1901 may allow the software application 1701 to alternately or additionally “soft” pin ink. With this arrangement, no strokes can be removed from any of the leaf nodes below the pinned node, there are specified rules to allow for adding of strokes (this allows for late strokes to be added in), and regrouping, adding, and removing of child nodes are allowed. It

should be noted that pinning can be removed, and, once pinning has been removed, the formerly pinned nodes and their children may then be considered “dirty” or in need of a reanalysis.